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This book, for grades 9-12, contains a wealth of ideas and practical activities for studying Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The first section, "Revenge Tragedy," provides background materials to help prepare students to read "Hamlet," including a discussion of revenge tragedies, comparisons to other plays from the period, and background information on the Elizabethan Age. Section two, "Reading the Play," offers notes on each scene, accompanied by activities and suggestions for further study. A detailed analysis of the construction of reading character is taken up in section three, "Reading Character." The final section, "Ways of Reading and Writing," considers writing about the play and invites explicit study of different ways of reading "Hamlet." Contains 48 references. (EF)

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